

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicant amends claim 1 to incorporate the features of dependent claims 2 and 3. Applicant also editorially amends claims 4-7 to depend from independent claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant cancels claims 2 and 3, and as a result claims 1 and 4-11 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Negishi et al. (US Patent App. No. US 2002/0116407, hereinafter “Negishi”), in view of Suzuki (US Patent No. 7,173,730).

As discussed above, Applicant amends claim 1 to include the subject matter of dependent claims 2 and 3. Since the Examiner has indicated that the subject matter of claim 3 is patentable, which is now incorporated into claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is also patentable.

Therefore, the rejection of claims 1 and 2 is now moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3-11 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

As discussed above, Applicant incorporates the subject matter of dependent claim 3 into independent claim 1. Since claim 3 has been allowed, Applicant submits that claims 1 and 4-11 are now all allowable.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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